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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Chairperson Senator Schimek, Chairman of the...Chairperson of the Government and Military Affairs Committee (sic) you are recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee had a confirmation hearing last week and voted unanimously to advance this confirmation to the floor for the new Adjutant General of the National Guard. And I'd like to just tell you a little bit about his background. He was raised in Tecumseh, Nebraska, and graduated from high school there. He attended and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and went to pilot training school in Texas, became a pilot instructor, among other things. He became a...or he went to squadron officer school, pilot academic instructor training, and in 1984, I believe it was, he joined the National Guard, the Nebraska Air National Guard, as a guardsman after a stint in the Air Force Reserve at Offutt Air Force Base. Then, after attending maintenance officer school in 1987, he served in various maintenance officer positions and, in 1996, was nominated for the rank of colonel and assigned to lead the 155th Logistics Group. On the civilian side, Colonel Lempke rose to vice president in charge of manufacturing, purchasing and data resources for a company in Lincoln that manufactures high-technology pressure vessels for aerospace and defense industries. The committee received the Adjutant General very well, asked him a number of questions, and is happy to report him to the floor for your confirmation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You heard the confirmation report by Senator Schimek from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Open for discussion, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Robak (sic). I rise in strong support of General Lempke. General Lempke comes from an outstanding family in southeast Nebraska that I've known for a number of years, and he has an outstanding record in the military. I think that we were impressed with his credentials,